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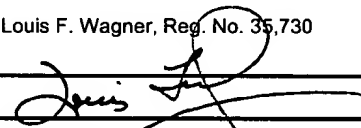
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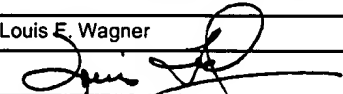
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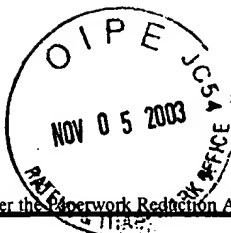
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## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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OR

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	34	minus 20 = * 14
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	11	minus 3 = * 8
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$ 355
x \$ 9 =	126
x 40 =	320
+ 135 =	
TOTAL	801

RATE	FEE
	\$ 710
x \$ 18 =	
x \$ 80 =	
+ 270 =	
TOTAL	18

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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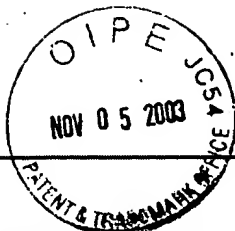
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**Examiner:** Nicholson, Erick

**Serial #:** 09/682,467

**Art Unit:** 3679

**Filing Date:** 06 September 2001

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**Title:** Bendable Polymer-Lined Water Heater Connector

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### Amendment

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph Rejections begins on page 8 of this paper.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections begins on page 9 of this paper.

A Request for Reconsideration begins on page 12 of this paper.

A Fee Determination Record begins on page 13 of this paper.

A Conclusion begins on page 13 of this paper.

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Drawing Sheet (marked in Red)

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***In the Drawings***

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The examiner is respectfully requested to approve the addition of reference number (18) illustrated in red to FIG. 5 clearly showing the claimed inner polymer segment in conformity with the metallic ribbed segment. This change was submitted with the previous amendment response and no mention was made during this most recent office action of the disposition of this drawing amendment.

The applicant's attorney respectfully requests that the examiner approve this drawing change.